

Advanced Emissions Solutions, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
September 12, 2013

**U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)**

**OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): September 11, 2013**

**ADVANCED EMISSIONS SOLUTIONS, INC.**

**(Name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**000-54992**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**

**27-5472457**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

**Identification Number)**

**9135 South Ridgeline Boulevard, Suite 200, Highlands Ranch, Colorado**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**80129**  
**(Zip Code)**

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (303) 734-1727**

**Not Applicable**

**(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

### Item 8.01 Other Events

On September 11, 2013, ADA-ES, Inc., a Colorado corporation, and ADA Environmental Solutions, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company (collectively, ADA), subsidiaries of Advanced Emissions Solutions, Inc., a Delaware corporation, entered into a Non-Prosecution Agreement (the NPA) by and among the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Texas (the DOJ) and ADA. Pursuant to the NPA, the DOJ has agreed not to assess fines or pursue any criminal, civil or administrative action against ADA and its current or former employees, agents, officers, and directors with respect to allegations that ADA misappropriated trade secrets with regard to the manufacture of activated carbon. The NPA concludes a confidential DOJ investigation of events arising out of an attempted acquisition by ADA of Norit Americas, Inc. (Norit) in 2006, which led to the civil litigation brought by Norit against ADA in 2008 for alleged misappropriation of trade secrets. The dispute with Norit was settled by ADA in 2011 after extensive litigation and arbitration.

On September 12, 2013, we issued a press release announcing the NPA. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.2 to this report.

The information contained in this report is a summary of the terms of the NPA, and reference is made to that agreement, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this report, for the complete terms thereof.

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) The following items are furnished as exhibits to this report:

99.1 Non-Prosecution Agreement by and among the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Texas, ADA-ES, Inc. and ADA Environmental Solutions, LLC, dated September 11, 2013.

99.2 Press Release, Advanced Emissions Solutions Provides Update Closing Legal Matter Arising from Attempted 2006 Acquisition by Subsidiary, dated September 12, 2013.

### SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 12, 2013

**Advanced Emissions Solutions, Inc.**  
Registrant

/s/ Mark H. McKinnies  
Mark H. McKinnies  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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